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use, operation, and setting of the slide-valve and independent cut-off, followed by a discussion of the various forms of valve-gears, and of automatic cut-off and throttling engines. A chapter treating of compound and triple and quadruple expansion engines comes next, after which condensers, pumps, and pumping-engines are considered. Next is given a chapter on the miscellaneous attachments and minor details of an engine, embracing stop-valves, throttle-valves, and relief-valves, stuffing-boxes, belting, lubricators, etc., followed by a chapter on the management of engines and pumps, engine trials, and dynamometers.

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— Among the contents of the *New England Magazine* for March, we note "The Early History of Electricity in America," by George Herbert Stockbridge; "Window-Gardening," by Mrs. Henrietta L. T. Wolcott; "The Indian-Corn as our National Plant," by Sarah Freeman Clarke; "The Problem of the Unemployed," by William M. Salter; and "The History of Historical Writing in America," III., by J. F. Jameson, Ph.D.

— Messrs. Ginn & Co. announce "The Industrial Primary Arithmetic," by James Baldwin, Ph.D., to be published in April. This work possesses many features which distinguish it from others of its class. Theory gives place to practice. The pupils

Publications received at Editor's Office, Feb. 23-March 7.

- ALABAMA Geological Survey. Report on the Cahaba Coal Field, by Joseph Squire, M.E., with Appendix on the Geology of the Valley Regions Adjacent to the Cahaba Field, by Eugene A. Smith. Montgomery, Ala., State. 189 p. 8".
- AUSTEN, W. C. R. An Introduction to the Study of Metallurgy. London, Charles Griffin & Co.; Philadelphia, Lippincott. 292 p. 12".
- BALL, R. S. Time and Tide, A Romance of the Moon. New York, E. & J. B. Young. 188 p. 16". \$1.
- CARUS, P. The Soul of Man: An Investigation of the Facts of Physiological and Experimental Psychology. Chicago, Open Court Publ. Co. 458 p. 12". \$3.
- DARWIN, C. On the Structure and Distribution of Coral Reefs, with an Introduction by Joseph W. Williams. New York, A. Lovell & Co. 278 p., 12".
- DIETZ, W. D. The Soldier's First Aid Handbook. New York, Wiley. 93 p. 16". \$1.25.
- GAGE, A. P. Physical Laboratory Manual and Note Book. Boston, Ginn. 121 p. 12". 45 cents.
- GREEN, A. H. The Birth and Growth of Worlds. New York, E. & J. B. Young & Co. 61 p. 16". 40 cents.
- KINGS' Jester, The. Vol. I., No. 1. March, 1891. m. New York, Herbert Booth King & Brother. 16 p. 4". \$1 per year.
- LOCK, J. B. Arithmetic for Schools. American edition. London and New York, Macmillan. 398 p. 16". 70 cents.
- MERCURY, The. Vol. I., No. 1. w. Halifax, N. S., Dunn Publ. Co. 8 p. f°. \$2 per year.
- MORGAN, C. L. Animal Life and Intelligence. Boston, Ginn. 512 p. 8". \$4.
- PERRY, J. Spinning Tops. The "Operatives' Lecture" of the British Association Meeting at Leeds, 6th September, 1890. New York, E. & J. B. Young. 136 p. 16". \$1.
- TIDY, C. M. The Story of a Tinder-Box. New York, E. & J. B. Young & Co. 105 p. 16". 80 cents.
- U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY, Annapolis, Md., Annual Register of the, 1890-91. Washington, Government. 84 p. 8".
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Florence, Italy, entitled "An Hour with George Bancroft," in which he describes his last visit to the great historian; then comes a sonnet on the same theme, "George Bancroft, 1800-91," by William C. Richards. An article that will interest a large class of readers in all parts of the country is "Slavery in Canada," by J. C. Hamilton, LL.B. "The Homespun Age," a chapter by M. C. Williams, relates to early settlements in the interior valleys of Tennessee. "The Hunters of Kentucky," an old song, composed just after the battle of New Orleans, from W. Abbatt; the description of the frontispiece by the editor; and "Washington at Tarrytown in 1783," by M. D. Raymond,—complete the principal features of the issue.

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